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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND ADVISORY ACTION**

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In response to the Final Office Action dated September 18, 2007 and Advisory Action dated January 16, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on February 15, 2008, which was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 19, 2008. Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination, along with this Response to Final Office Action and Advisory Action, and respectfully request reconsideration of the application, including new claims 37 to 40, based on the following: